

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 334

House concurrent resolution honoring Lisa and Roy Haynes and the animal rescue work of SOS Save Our Strays

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, the tale of Lisa and Roy Haynes' journey from Florida to rural Vermont is hardly the story of a typical family, and

Whereas, Lisa Haynes was once employed by day as an insurance adjuster but, at night, she transformed herself into a powerful professional wrestler who adored the limelight of fans cheering her prowess on the wrestling mat, and

Whereas, one day, while Lisa and Roy were driving near their Florida home, they spotted a group of boys harassing a dog with firecrackers, and the couple stopped immediately to rescue the frightened animal, and

Whereas, they decided to keep the dog, a Shiloh shepherd, that was ill and malnourished, and they nurtured it back to health and found it a loving new home, and

Whereas, realizing they had discovered their life's calling, Lisa and Roy Haynes were confronted with a dilemma as they resided in a development with a three-dog-per-household maximum, and

Whereas, these conflicting realities resulted in their purchasing a home with a large yard in Huntington where they established a nonprofit known as SOS Save Our Strays, and

Whereas, Lisa and Roy Haynes have developed a network of contacts consisting of animal shelter volunteers, especially in southern states where 31 percent of the animals (usually dogs) are euthanized, and

Whereas, one set of volunteers takes temporary possession of the animals identified as worthy of rescue and provides necessary immediate care while another set of volunteers including a private airplane pilot who occasionally flies animal rescue missions, transports the dogs to Huntington, and

Whereas, once in Vermont, the animals are given major medical attention if needed and found ideal new homes, and

Whereas, Lisa and Roy Haynes are not paid for their good deeds, and despite Roy Haynes' fame as the "Cheapest Man in America," the couple must engage in fundraising activities, including the publication of a new colorful graphic novel entitled *The Adjuster*, produced in collaboration with graphic illustrator and author Michael Tonn, and

Whereas, since 1995, SOS has rescued and found new homes for over 3,000 animals, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Lisa and Roy Haynes and the animal rescue work of SOS Save Our Strays, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lisa and Roy Haynes and to Michael Tonn.